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In re Application of  
Lucas, Fisher, McJones, Parsons, and Tayeban  
Application No.: 10/716,759  
Filed: November 18, 2003  
Attorney Docket No: 51511/RAG/M743  
For: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT AND MAGNETIC STRIPE  
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed October 1, 2004.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

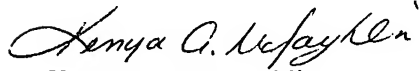
The above-cited application was filed on November 18, 2003, without an executed oath or declaration. On February 26, 2004, a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application was mailed, indicating that a proper oath or declaration was required and a surcharge for the late filing of the same. The notice allowed an extendable period for response of the two months from its mailing date. The instant petition was filed on October 1, 2004, along with a request for an extension of time within the fifth month. In the instant petition, petitioner maintains that inventor Lucas is unavailable to join the prosecution of the above-cited application.

Petitioner has shown that inventor Lucas is unavailable to join the prosecution of the above-identified application. The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application will be directed to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kenya A. McLaughlin".

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